



**CONGRESSMAN
BEN CARDIN**
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Congressman Ben Cardin - Maryland's Third District

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Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone who took the time to respond to my 2006 Annual Questionnaire, which was mailed to constituents and posted on my Internet site. While the questionnaire is not a scientific poll, I have found that over the years it is a very accurate reflection of my constituents' views about many of the issues before Congress.

In today's E-Newsletter, I want to share with you the results of the 16 questions included in this year's questionnaire. It is always interesting to see the results and it's very clear that many people had very strong opinions about the issues facing our nation.

Please keep in mind that many of the answers do not equal 100% because those who responded did not always answer every question.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
Member of Congress

Congressman Cardin's 2006 Questionnaire Results

1- Would you support a phased withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq?

Answer	Percent
Yes	77%
No	21%

2- Would you support the deployment of a U.N. peacekeeping force to stop the genocide in Sudan?

Answer	Percent
Yes	79%
No	20%

3- Would you support comprehensive immigration reform that protects our borders while increasing legal immigration through an expedited visa and citizenship process?

Answer	Percent
Yes	68%
No	30%

4- Has the federal government done enough to assist in the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina?

Answer	Percent
Yes	39%
No	55%

5- Would you support a national law that requires all Americans to have health care insurance?

Answer	Percent
Yes	60%
No	31%

6- Public school enrollment is up yet the current budget proposal calls for \$15.4 billion less in funding than promised by the *No Child Left Behind Act*(NCLB). Do you support increased funding for public education that would meet the funding commitments of the NCLB law?

Answer	Percent
Yes	63%
No	32%

7- Do you support making college more affordable for working families by cutting the interest rates on student loans this year from 6.8% to 3.4%?

Answer	Percent
Yes	84%
No	14%

8- The Medicare Part D drug program prohibits the federal government from negotiating with pharmaceutical companies for lower drug prices. Should that be changed to allow the government to negotiate lower drug prices?

Answer	Percent
Yes	84%
No	11%

9- Would you support reducing tax cuts as a way to deal with our more than \$550 billion budget deficit?

Answer	Percent
Yes	54%
No	39%

10- Should the Federal Aviation Administration continue to ban all cell phone use on airline flights?

Answer	Percent
Yes	77%
No	16%

11- Would you support requiring every container coming into the U. S. from abroad to be screened for weapons of mass destruction before leaving foreign ports?

Answer	Percent
Yes	78%
No	17%

12- Do you believe that global warming is a real threat to the world's environment?

Answer	Percent
Yes	71%
No	25%

13- Should the federal government encourage the development of a new generation of nuclear power plants to help address our nation's energy needs?

Answer	Percent
Yes	71%
No	22%

14- Would you support legislation to give the federal and state governments more authority to prosecute energy-price gouging?

Answer	Percent
Yes	84%
No	14%

15- Should Congress permit outside watchdog groups to file ethics complaints against Members of Congress?

Answer	Percent
Yes	79%
No	16%

16- Do you support construction of additional lanes for the Baltimore Beltway that would require payment of a toll for use?

Answer	Percent
Yes	32%
No	60%

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Previous Survey Question Results

Do you support providing assistance at the polls for U.S. citizens who have limited English-language proficiency?

Answer	Percent
Yes	49%
No	50%

New Survey Question

Do you support Administration efforts to hire private debt collection agencies to collect taxes from Americans instead of using the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)?

Yes

No

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